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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 97-03154

[REDACTED]

COUNSEL: NOT INDICATED

[REDACTED]

HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

He be considered for promotion to the grade of lieutenant colonel by Special Selection Board (SSB) for the Calendar Year 1997B (CY97B) Lieutenant Colonel Board, with the inclusion of two academic degrees.

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

Two Education Degrees were missing from his records when the Lieutenant Colonel Chaplain Board met on 2 June 1997, giving him an unfair disadvantage in promotion competition.

In support of his request, he submits college transcripts, and his officer selection brief (OSB).

Applicant's complete submission is attached at Exhibit A.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant is currently serving on extended active duty in the grade of major.

He was considered but not selected for promotion to the grade of lieutenant colonel by the CY97B lieutenant colonel selection board which commenced on 2 June 1997.

The two academic degrees were not listed on his OSB.

The applicant's OER profile since 1994 reflects the following:

<u>PERIOD ENDING</u>	<u>OVERALL EVALUATION</u>
28 Aug 94	MEETS STANDARDS
30 Apr 95	MEETS STANDARDS
30 Apr 96	MEETS STANDARDS
30 Apr 97	MEETS STANDARDS

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The Chief, Directorate of Personnel Program Management, HQ AFPC/DPPPA, reviewed this application and states that the applicant's academic degrees were not listed on his OSB. The proper way to update academic information would have been to forward original transcripts to the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFLT). They are the only agency authorized to update academic data. Consequently, the information would have been present for review by the promotion board. In addition to contacting AFIT, he could have elected to write a letter to the board president identifying the absence of the two academic degrees and included copies of the transcripts. We find no evidence he wrote any such letter to the board. They conclude he did not exercise reasonable diligence to ensure his records were accurate, nor did he take timely corrective action. Therefore, they recommend denial of applicant request.

A complete copy of the Air Force evaluation is attached at Exhibit C.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 19 March 1998, for review and response within thirty (30) days. As of this date, no response has been received by the office.

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THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
2. The application was timely filed.
3. Insufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of probable error or injustice. We took notice of the applicant's complete submission in judging the merits of the case; however, we agree with the opinion and recommendation of the Air Force and adopt their rationale as the basis for our conclusion that the applicant has not been the victim of an error or injustice. The Air Force states that the proper way to update academic information would have been to forward original transcripts to the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT). They are the only agency authorized to update academic data. In addition, he could have also chose to write a letter to the board president identify the absence of the two academic degrees and included copies of the transcripts.

He did not do so. Therefore, in the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, we find no compelling basis to recommend granting the relief sought in this application.

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THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:

The applicant be notified that the evidence presented did not demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice; that the application was denied without a personal appearance; and that the application will only be reconsidered upon the submission of newly discovered relevant evidence not considered with this application.

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The following members of the Board considered this application in Executive Session on 25 June 1998, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Ms. Patricia J. Zarodkiewicz, Panel Chair  
Mr. Jackson A. Hauslein, Member  
Ms. Dorothy P. Loeb, Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 18 Sep 97, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, HQ AFPC/DPPPA, dated 6 Nov 97, w/atch.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MIBR, dated 17 Nov 97.

  
PATRICIA J. ZARODKIEWICZ  
Panel Chair



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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPPA  
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Randolph AFB TX 78150-4710

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Requested Action. Applicant requests special selection board (SSB) consideration for the CY97B (2 Jun 97) (P0597B) central lieutenant colonel promotion board with inclusion of two academic degrees.

Basis for Request. The applicant contends two education degrees were missing from his records when the P0597B board met 2 Jun 97, giving him an unfair disadvantage in promotion competition. Although the officer does not specify from which records the degrees were missing, we assume he is referring to his Officer Selection Brief (OSB).

Recommendation. Deny.

Facts and Comments:

a. Application is timely. AFI 36-2401, Correcting Officer and Enlisted Evaluation Reports does not apply in this instance. Applicant has one nonselection by the P0597B promotion board.

b. AFI 36-2501, Officer Promotion and Selective Continuation, 17 Mar 96, is the governing directive.

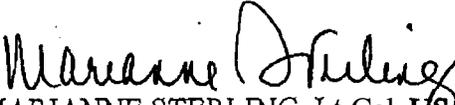
c. In support of his appeal, the applicant submits original transcripts from Sacred Heart School of Theology and Golden Gate University.

d. The applicant's academic degrees were not listed on his OSB. However, each officer eligible for promotion consideration by the P0597B board received an officer preselection brief (OPB) several months prior to the date the board convened in Jun 97. Specifically, the OPBs for the P0597B board were sent to the Military Personnel Flights (MPFs) on 22 Feb 97 and should have been distributed to those eligible for promotion consideration approximately 10 days later. The OPB contains the same data that will appear on OSB at the central board. Written instructions attached to the OPB and given to the officer before the central selection board specifically instruct him/her to carefully examine the brief for completeness and accuracy. The instructions also provide addresses, and in most cases, phone numbers for each area responsible to

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assist the officer **who** identifies discrepancies. If any errors are found, he/she must take corrective action **prior** to the selection board, not after it. The instructions specifically state, "**Officers will not be considered by a Special Selection Board if, in exercising reasonable diligence, the officer should have discovered the error or omission in his/her records and could have taken timely corrective action**" (emphasis added). The proper way to update academic information would have **been** to forward **original** transcripts to the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT). They **are the only** agency authorized to update academic data. Consequently, the information would have **been** present for review **by** the promotion **board**. In addition **to** contacting AFIT, he could have elected to **Write** a letter to the P0597B board president **identifying** the absence of the two academic degrees and included copies of the transcripts. **We find** no evidence he wrote **any** such letter to **the** board. We therefore conclude he did not exercise reasonable diligence to ensure **his** records were accurate, nor did he take timely corrective action.

Summary. The applicant has failed to provide anything to prove he received anything less than fair and impartial consideration. Based on the evidence provided, **our** recommendation of denial **is** appropriate.

  
MARIANNE STERLING, Lt Col, USAF  
Chief, Appeals and **SSB** Branch  
Directorate of Personnel Program **MJC**



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